

Sept. 1884

To the Presbytery of Alaska.

Your Committee on the Assignment of Territory would respectfully submit the following report:

1. It is important that no tribe or settlement in S.E. Alaska should be left entirely without such supervision as will tend to its future education & enlightenment.
2. There should be such a partition of this section by the Presbytery as to prevent the neglect of any portion of it, or the conflict of interests on the part of different missions.

Therefore your committee would recommend, ^{that the} the

following assignment of territory
be made & that each missionary
in charge be instructed to visit
the whole of his field if prac-
ticable, & to otherwise endeavor
to reach the people assigned to
his care, & to report upon his
whole field at each annual
meeting of presbytery.

1st The missionary in charge
at Haines shall in addition
to that town have oversight
of the three villages on the Lehit-
oat River, the Chilkoot village &
the two fishing settlements on
Pyramid Harbor. He shall ascer-
tain the condition of the inland
tribes accessible from his
station, & shall employ all means
at his command for reaching
them. And he shall also exer-
cise supervision over the Alaska

tribe, so far as he may deem expedient, not conflicting with the work of Rev. W.H.R. Corlies.

2nd The missionary at Hoonah shall have charge of the villages of Lerosas Sound & Chichagoff Island.

3rd The head of the mission at Sitka shall, in addition to that town, have oversight of the several villages of the Hoochans & of the settlement at Killisnoo, & he shall, if practicable, visit & report upon the Yakutats & tribes further to the North West.

4th The head of the mission at Fort Wrangell shall, in addition to that town, have supervision over the Kakes & Koniways, the branch mission at Songoas with the towns & fishing settlements in the region inhabited by that

tribe, & shall, as far as practicable, ascertain the number & condition of the inland tribes accessible from the Skeena River, & employ all available means for reaching them.

5th The missionary in charge at Hazelton shall have charge of the various Hydah settlements in Prince of Wales Archipelago, with the exception of the fishing towns of Klawock & Leopold, & the settlements of Beddoe & Salmon Bay & the villages of the Hanaga tribe.

We recommend that Rev. W. H. R. Corlies, Independent Baptist, be left in charge of the Tacon & Lumduin villages, & the inland tribes accessible from the Tacon River with such supervision over the town of Juneau as shall be agreed upon between him & the committee appointed

by this presbytery.
Respectfully submitted.

L Hall Young

Eugene S Willard

Mr Dickson

Jackson Alaska

My Dearer

Before the
Sept. Steamer Mr Mc L-
mill may (?) Cut lumber,
I think you would better
not expect any from his
mill this summer.

I have asked Capt Sprague
to inform you what he can
do. Both mills you mention
are cutting and shipping to S-
Frisco.

The delays of the Mission-
mill are unfortunate for us.
I am not reflecting on
Mr. Mc L-.

Yours for the Master
J. Loomis Gould

Bethlehem, Pa., July 11th/01.

My dear brother,

I found your letter on my return home
on Saturday & send you
inclosed the recommendations
you suggest. Will have the
address of one copy of the
"Moravian" changed as you
desire. — When are you going

to Alaska? - I am glad
to say that we have learned
from our two explorers. On
the 16th of May they reached
Kralashka on the Aleutian
Islands & expected, in a few
days, to go on to the main
land per steamer of the Alaska
Commercial Company, which
is showing them much kindness.
The Greek Deacon, whom they
visited, claimed all the country
to which they are going as the ecc.
territory of his Church. In this
matters "Mormonism" there will be a

Notice Wasleugheen -
Name for dormitory
Sitka, Alaska. July 2nd '84.

Dear Dr Jackson,

This money has been lying in my desk ever since your letter came, and I have waited first for a name, and then, with a vague hope of meeting you and talking with you about the Sitka School, when I could put the money into your hands. Please tell me when you acknowledge the receipt of this, if there

is any thing else our
young people could do
to assist - I suppose
this barely furnishes the
Dormitory - How many
children will sleep there?
What other articles would
be useful in the room?
As to the Name, would
it be too much to place
over the door besides
"Menuchah", and right
below it, Isaiah 32. 18.

I shall be obliged
if you will kindly let
the Executive Board
know that we do not
mean to work outside of
these, in finding our funds.
But in directly to you -
Very sincerely yours,
Sacred S. A. DeLand.

McClellan Co., 18
and now is so short.
And the people who
lived in the wealth
of California, and in the
mines, are in with
them. But the
"new country place"
is in the "old country"
McClellan. We
would like to
go into it and
McClellan, we
are going to do it.

George Lillian
the most
in the world,
the man who
is called the
"Moses" of the
black men -

George Lillian
the most
in the world,
the man who

12-706
S. L.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., July 3 1884.

Sheldon Jackson, Esq.,
P. O. Box 1958,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th instant, is received, stating that a number of delegates to the annual convention of the National Educational Association of the United States at Madison, Wis., and friends, propose to make an excursion to Alaska, and asking that a Proclamation be issued to the Collector of Customs at Port Townsend, Wash. Ter., so that the vessel containing them may stop at Nootka Sound, B. C., to allow the inspection of an Indian who died there, and possibly to take on lumber.

Timber to be transported to Alaska.

In response you are informed that section 3126, P. S., provides for the clearance and entry of a vessel in the case submitted by you, and that no especial instructions to the Collector of Customs at Port Townsend are necessary.

Very respectfully,

Chas. W. Ladd
Secretary

G. P. (H. M.)

Ligonier Pa.
Aug 1st '84

Dear Dr. W.

I received Mr. Will
ard's check for the
summed & the balance
for the Midway
the contribution of the
Academy & School. He
left it ~~paying~~ the
Academy first, & many
no much good for
the deliverying of
~~the~~ ~~present~~ of Christ.
The Academy did not ex-
-ist were private con-
tributions needed, hi-
to me & knowing that
they little need & had
it now with the other
check. It will please

in School May, Much
to receive in acknowledge-
ment & love from
your friend with
best regards from him. In
class

Dincerely yours

Jas. M. Williams

and

W. H. Brewster, Boston,
Mass., Oct. 18, 1887.

Dear Dr. Brewster,

Yours,

W. H. Brewster, Boston.

I am sending you the specimens I have
for you to examine, and also another
that I have just received from
the University of Michigan.
I am sending you the
Cassia L. I removed the
leaves and stems in the leaves
and according to your method
found no insect in them. I found
that this was a large insect
in a mahogany tree at
the corner of the street.

I am sending you the insect
in the glass jar with the
leaves and stems.

and a right-hand page,
and then came a right-hand page
of the left-hand page & a
right-hand page. It was
in this style it kept up,
and each side of the
page seemed half-blank
for a long time. I was glad
to see the first page of
the book, which contained
the title-page & the
name of the author.
The title-page
was written in half-blanks
of the page, leaving the blank
space on one side and the
other side of the page
and writing the necessary words
on the other side.

After reading and writing
in this fashion, I had to
go to bed, so I did not do

A

will be established and
when it could be begun, we
will be more interested for you
in that direction. would you like
to contribute toward the publication
of the article during the present
year? I would place it in one
of our publications much more prettily than
I can and I think it will interest
you. We never receive much
from the ~~other~~ - and we are now
in a place where I am not being hampered
by personal ties or for the sake
of money in the work. I hope to send
it to you as soon as I have it ready
but I do not know when that will be.

Your nice boy must
be getting along -

Yours truly,

John D. C. Little

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23 Centre Street, New York, July 12th 1884

Dr. Sheldon Jackson - Pitmea - Alaska
(My dear friend:-

A letter is just received from Mrs. A. S. Bartlett, Maryville, E. Tenn. asking that the \$100.00 of a scholarship in the "Sheldon Jackson Institute" be assigned to their S. School.

Thinking that this letter would reach Alaska, possibly, by the same means that will reach you down "beneath the shade of the vine which you have so largely planted, it occurred to me that it would be a fitting service for you to render as the "first fruits" of labor on Alaskan soil - to select this scholarship.

The action will, also, - no doubt - furnish a bit of sentiment for the waiting S. Sch.

Please ask Mr. or Mrs. Austin - (for, of course, this comes ^{and} done must come through them) - to write, as soon as possible - both to me, & to Mrs. Bartlett - giving Mrs. Mch. L'ship - also, whether in boy's or girl's school.

Wishing you abundant success in your enlarged privilege of spending some Mission work in Alaska,
I am yours,

Very sincerely
J. A. Dyer

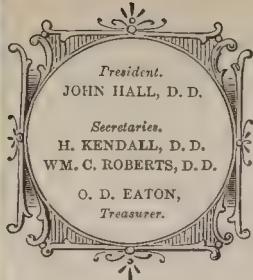
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P. O. Box 1938.

No. 23 Centre Street.

New-York, July 13, 1884

Dear Dr Jackson

Enclosed are the
Commissions for - Dr & Mrs McFarland
Miss Dauphin and Tillie &
Louis - I have dated Miss
Dauphin Jan 15 - Tillie & Louis
April 15 and left the McF's
blank for you to fill up - and
advise me - If it was not
right to date T & L's so far
back as April let me know
it, and change the date to
suit the right time - I think
it might be well to date
back to make more sure
the 640 acres from Govt -
I also send you some blank
reports. Please give to each

^{of others}
their 4. I suppose your hands
and head are free so will not
trouble you further just now -

Your very
J. D. Dyer

The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

P. O. Box 1938.

23 Centre Street, New York, 7. 15. 1884.

Dear Brother Jackson.

My wife wants to send a message to your wife which you can not expect to read!

In view of all the trouble at Wrangle about the "privy" she begs that Mr. Jackson shall see that there is a suitable for the "privy" or no new building!

Privies to the front: if not of the buildings - at least, in consideration.

We have had no news since you left - that Mrs. Haines & Dr. Palmer will not report.

Please tell Mrs. Haines that the Committee did not approve of the appointment of Miss Sybil Carter, or, for the present, of Mrs. Isser & her daughter.

The weather here is cool & pleasant.

ant.

You must give us some
letters the last moment before
the liner can cast off for far-
aff. Alaska -

Krisk regards to all the
friends .

Yours truly
A. Krueck

Washington D.C.

1412 I St.

July 15th

My Dear Mr. James,

My heart -

goes out to you in greeting,
with much intensity, as I am
disappointed in seeing you, and
bring with you, on the Alaska
excursion. Now that the
matter is settled, I find I
am much more disappointed
than I thought I should be,
and find it very difficult
to give up hope.

The late adjournment
of Congress, leaving Mr. James
so little time to attend to important
private business before going;
losses in business consequent

of his fidelity & duty here,
greatly lessening his income,
and the absence of the
assistant-Superintendent of
the Mission S. School during
the summer, giving Mr. James
a little anxiety about it, and
a desire to give what assistance
he can, in that gentleman's absence,
all culminate, in a decided
negative to the question, "can we
not get even at the eleventh
hour?" Well, the ever
kind and loving Father has
placed no obstacle in your
way, so He wanted you, and
did not need me. I am
content, and ready for any
work He may have for
me to do. I am
delighted with your

Suggestion about Miss
Carter. She is a very interesting
Speaker, and will repay the
high salary she demands in
the increased gifts, and do
the necessary work of supervising
our schools, and reporting to
us at 23 Cedars St. so that
we may be able to know the
exact condition, of the work in
our hands. Then she must —
carry on her mind the care
of the schools, and release you.
You must not have as many
details, h - care for, you must
supervise the whole, plan commendable
and have more time for rest.

I am very much pleased
with Miss Dey's letters, they
breathes as much interest in the
work, and as devoted a Christian

spirit. If Mr. Muller
has shown the same or should
not have cause to part with
her. I shall be very anxious
to see you when you return,
for with your careful habits
of observation, we shall know
the exact condition of our
Alaska while ~~when~~ you return.
I am wishing now, that
you could visit our State
schools also, but you will
be bringing for rest after your
long throught California.

May God richly bless you
for your zeal in His service,
and guide and guard every step
of your way, bringing you
safely to us again, is the
earnest prayer of
yours most sincerely Mary E. James.

W. G. RITCH,
SANTA FE,
NEW MEXICO.

July 20th 1884

Rev. Dr. Jackson

New York

My dear Sir

Yours from Washington
of several days since was duly
received and in the pressure
of office work has been neglected
but not forgotten. Thanks for
your words of appreciation.
New Mexico is to be the debating
field between the absolutism
of the Roman Church and free
government as known at least
to the average Independence day
orationgoer, when we think
of the absorbing question among

Political
demagogues, of who shall
be greatest? in the eyes of the
hierarchy, the Chancery
in favor of Rome apparently.

In illustration, you may remember the facts I stated you at Washington - of the work of one demagogue in taking all vitality out of the educational bill in the last legislature. On the other hand another demagogue "see's the fit" and "gives him one gettin" by appointing the most prominent Jesuit in the Territory a School Superintendent. I suppose you are arranging for your visit to Alaska. Enclosed is a copy of all our publications in print as a contribution to the Fox Library.

I suppose you are arranging for your visit to Alaska. I mailed to you my appointed governor at Sitka, copies of all our publications in print as a contribution to the Fox Library. Very truly, M. J. R. Rice

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Received at PORTLAND, Or. 10a July 22 1884

Dated Washington D. C. '84

To Mr Sheldon Jackson

With Teachers Excursion
 Care Alaska (Commissioner) Portland
 Recency so crowded that he cannot
 take up Alaska School question
 till September -

John Eaton
 Comm'r

Sitka Alaska July 22nd 1884

Dear Dr Jackson.

Your letter received yesterday. Will do all that I can to have every thing about the house in good order when the excursion arrives next month. I have Sherrigan at work, & will keep him until you come. We finished squaring the foundation timbers to day at noon, so that you don't have commenced operations had you back on the steamer, as soon as you had finished your lunch. Tom cut his foot very

severely pitch as we
had finished our
work last night.
Had to sit up all night
with him as we were
afraid it might get so
bleeding in the night.
He seems quite comfort-
able to day. We received
our net, & the iron water
kipe, & some blankets
by this steamer. The shoes
that ought to have been
on last steamer, are not
on this. Although Mr. Hill
writes me that they were
sent last month. I shall
write him about the
matter to night. Shall
have to buy some here,
for the boys who are work-
ing in the camp.

some logs for lumber on
the beach, & will have
some more before you
arrive. I think if it is
possible we ought to organize
a church while Christian
friends from the East are
here. It would impress
them with the importance
of our work. The Lord is
still with us, nearly
every Sabbath some
one from the Ranch
desires to talk with me
after the service. Linnie
was married on ^{the} 11th. I did not expect to
marry for several months
but Dr. Gates (her husband)
finally concluded it would be better than
to go east with the wife.

& return to do so. We
shall need another
teacher, you so tired
& as I hope to see you
soon I will close by
sending love from all
soy & you.

Sincerely

A. J. Austin

Haines July 24: 1884
Dr Jackson

Dear Bro

As I hope to
see you in a few days
after you read this I
will write but a note. Mail
came in last night about 50
I receive word from Washington
that John F. Vassar of
Mill Point N.Y. has the
contract for mail route
No 4710! I do not know
what arrangements have
been made. I asked the
P.M. at Juneau to have the
mail sent up in July &
I would pay the Indian
\$25.00 J. H. Haines brought

it. I have charged the
amt' (\$2.1500) to your ac't.
If you are still to direct
the mail & make any
arrangement with Indians
at Pineau, have it understood
that he is working by the
job for one master & that
he can not run off on
any side track unless
ordered to do so. Johnson
is continually giving trouble
in that way. I have thought
it would be better to hit
some one else, but if there
is to be no one at Pineau
who will look after the
man & see that he is started
& can not say that a
change will improve
matters any. Johnson is
willing to ride for \$1500.

but he will give trouble
about the freight. I have
given no directions
concerning the Aug. Mail
as I do not know what
to do. Please direct the
P.M. at Juneau.

We are well so far.
Miss Matthews is talking
about taking a trip to Wrangell
next Mo. Hoping to see
you here at Haines
shortly. I will keep things
until then.

Affectionately

Angus Stark

ans

Columbia, Pa

July 30th/84.

Dear Doctor,

I am slow in reporting by you some of the tangible results of your visit with us. My expectations as to the impulse which the Missionary interest among us would receive have been more than realized, how-

affected by that one address
than, I think, would have
been affected by a year's
preaching from me.

I have endeavored to make
the most of the advantages.
And I will tell you
that our Sunday Schools
will be responsible for
the care of one of the girls
in your little school for
our year. (I do not suppose
they will limit the time to
a single year) if they please
themselves to raise One
Hundred Dollars, of which one
dollar will have been
sent, for about \$40, to the
proper authorities, before

This letter gets forwarded
way to you. I have got a
Map from the Survey Office
at Washington, and am
having it reproduced in
larger form for the use of
the Sunday School. Mr. Wil-
son is quite interested
and we will wait eagerly
to hear from, or about our
new project.

I think the Ladies Society
will undertake to fit
up one of those rooms
at a cost of \$1,00. You will
probably hear from us in
the fall.

I am now about leaving,
with my family, for a

incation, & return to the engine
yesterday. As all of us think
of your visit here with
great pleasure, I am very
thankful for the Providence
which brought you here
on the Sabbath and Christ-
mas Day at that.

We will remember you
and your work in our
prayers, and hope to give
you other help also. Truly
~~and your kind and patriotic~~
With much regard

Your brother in the

Geo. Shelle Eig

Sd

Geo Shelle Eig Jackson D.C.

The President has appointed John G. Brady, of Alaska; George P. Ihrie, of Pennsylvania, and Chester Seeber, of California, to be commissioners for the district of Alaska, to reside at Sitka, Wrangel, and Ounalaska.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C., July 26, 1884

My dear Dr. Jackson.

I send you the enclosed clipping from this morning's Republican, fearing that it may fail to reach your eye early.

Very truly yours
John Eaton
per C.

" will place copy
to Clipping Box S. J.

Stewart - Packing Co., Tongass, Pass
July, 26, 1884

Dr Jackson,
Dear Bro.

We started last Monday evening, and have reached this place on our way to Fort Simpson & missions and through the kindness of Mr. Campbell are stopping over night in his house. He is a Scotchman from Port Lorne came up here for his health has entirely recovered ^{has been} ^{Mass River B.C.} the Columbia & for 7 years speaks Chinook very fluently was raised a Methodist - says he likes teaching, and has a great

desire

to labor for the Master, and
says if he cannot get in with
some society or denomination
he is going to work for the
Lord on his own hook, he
gathers the children together
on Sabbath to sing has an
Organ up the Mass which
he is sending for now, which he
plays and besides is a good
singer, he is employed by the
Co. here packing and is a
Carpenter by trade also builds
Chimneys. He will be through
here in September, and expects
to go to Portland unless something
turns up. I told him I would
introduce him to you. Might
be you could give him some-
thing to do he is married to an
Indian woman, and says he is
not a good man but wants to be

the people here speak well of him
he gives Revs Crosby & Green
as reference. Mr Young promised
the Songass people 4 years
ago a teacher, and they have
been anxiously looking and
waiting, and won't take a
teacher from Mr Crosby's Church
and don't want Indians teaching
when they heard of our coming
they thought we were going
to stay, and felt very sorry
when we told them we were
just on a visit. I think he
could be got reasonable and
could go occasionally to the
cafe Feud Village if those people
don't get some person soon. I think
they will take a teacher from the
Methodist Church then the Presbyterians
will lose them they will help
build a ~~big~~ church and have

part of the lumber now he
would be willing to go anywhere
for carpenter work in Alaska.

If you desire you ~~can send~~
~~it by~~ some one probably from
Fort Simpson you can send
him a letter by Purser by the
next freight boat which
expects to come in to this
place. address James H. Campbell
Songass Pass care of Stewart
Packing Co. Alaska

Yours truly
John W. M^r Farlane

PS Mr Stewart would rather
be employed at present in some
mechanical work at ~~present~~ he also
understands all about packing salting
fish & _____

Hydah Mission
Jackson Alaska
July 28- 1884.

Received yours of June 3rd
reached me July 22

About the mail I
wrote you some months
since that you might see
in time, I say no adver-
tisements for bids nor any
indications the route would
be continued, took the risk
of sending up the mail
in July & will do so in
Aug. Received notice by
July mail, as did myself,
that P.H. Voorhees of Hull
spent Nov. had the contract
of carrying the year for \$1000
which I presume is not new
to you

I suppose it is proper for me
to go to Sittu in Sept. I have
made two trips to wrangal and
incurred no small ^{but small advantage} amount of
expense & dis ^{to small advantage} comfort and at
a time when my people
needed me, besides such im-
provements as are essential to
the progress of our mission
depend to a considerable ex-
tent on my physical effort.

As we may see you
in a few days I will not
write more now-

Fatherally
J. Loomis Gould



MOHONK LAKE MOUNTAIN HOUSE.

MOHONK LAKE, ULSTER CO., NEW YORK.

A. K. SMILEY,
PROPRIETOR.

Aug 1st. 1884

Rev Sheldon Jackson-

My Dear Sir.

On Wed. Thursday & Friday Sept 24.. 25.. & 26..
we expect to have an Indian Conference held here
& it would give us great pleasure if you
would add your company to it. Genl Armstrong
of Hampton Capt. Pratt of Carlisle. Dr Rhoads
Mr Welsh Commr Price Dr Field. Dr Prime
Dr Abbott. Senators Dawes & Hawley & Dr Straty are

among those invited & we think you would enjoy it. All will be my guests & we shall try not only to make it a profitable time for the Indian but a pleasant one otherwise.

As the first session ^{will} be at 10 o'clock wed. morning we think it would be better to come the day before. Hoping to hear that you will be with us believe me very truly yours -

Albert K. Smiley.

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Newport, R. I.

August 22. 1884.

Gen. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My Dear Sir.

Some time since

I received a communication
from the U. S. Commissioner of
Education asking me to give
my views as to the practicability
of educating the youth of
Alaska for a seafaring life.

I did so strongly following
the idea. I write you
now to state that it has

received from him last night
like the offer of the position
of Government Superintendent
of Indian instruction in
Alaska, as this work is one
in which I am much interested.
I have had over five years
experience now in training
boys for the Navy and as
to my adaptability for it reference
could be made to Rear Admiral
L.B. Luce, Capt. E.O. Matthews
or Capt. A.W. Johnson.

I speak of this to you
thinking that you know

interest in Alaska might
cause the Commissions to
consult you on this subject.

Army officers, as you are
aware, are at the head of
Indian schools, and I know
that the Army Department
would permit officers under
its jurisdiction to do so.

Hoping that you will
please remain

Friendly
C. H. Lyman.

Alaska

Red Bay Aug 9th

Dear Dr Jackson

I came over here in the mail car so that I might have a little talk with Mr Hunt & Dr Munn. Some things were forgotten in my excitement & wish the day you were at Hazelton! There seems to be much bitter opposition in the minds of the Indians against the girls going to Tahltan that you and we would be surprised if we don't come next steamer.

if I find the majority
of the girls pertinaciously
the large ones are to be
prevented from you &
I will not feel that
it is my duty to go, at least
you. The present, tho'
we may come, But I
would think I was
doing a gross wrong
to turn three large
girls out knowing what
would acc. old certainly
on their fate, We may
say to tell you he &
the Banks will start so
as to do at either a day or
two before the steamer.
It I would not have their
assistance on the steamer

Yours truly

A. K. McPherson

~~60/~~
Aug 16. 1844
Rupert's Land
Mackenzie River District -
North West Territory Canada

Mr. Dear Sir.

We are strangers to one another personally, yet I have heard of you from others & as I have now an opportunity of sending out by your way, I thought I would send you a few lines of greeting.

I am a missionary of the Church Missionary Society, England - the first Society I believe which sent missionaries to the western part of the great continent. My home is at the above address, but I am writing this from At Steenace on the Upper Yukon, where I have come in course of my duty among the Indians. I have heard of you from others who have come in; & though we belong to different communions, yet I trust we are one in serving the same great Master in the noblest branch of his service, in such

I esteem Missionary work to be

I understand that you work among the
Chilocos & I know what I hear you meet them
a very difficult task indeed. The Coast
Indians all appear much more difficult
than those in the interior. Let I trust
that you are realizing that your labor is
not in vain in the Lord and that His
name is being glorified in the salvation
of souls.

For myself I feel that my privilege
is very great. Everywhere I go the
Indians receive the message of salvation
eagerly - indeed many of them seem to
hunger & thirst after it.

I have not been very long in this
Country & cannot speak the language by
any means correctly, yet a marriage
to get along & right ~~has~~ to do better by
far. As you will see by my bid-
nesses I dwell on the English side of the
line among the Indians on the State-

River, but in the summer I visit the Indians on the Yukon

Archdeacon McDonald my predecessor (now invalided home) labored here for 20 years & God has given him many souls to his ministry. He frequently visited Nookla Keyit, where the Indians are now considerably Christianized & many of them I trust ~~also~~ changed also in heart and walking up to the light they have.

This summer I was enabled to ascend the Tanana for about 200 miles, then returning went down to a short distance below Noyaleta, where I met the trading steamer which has brought me up to At Reliance.

Everywhere the work has been most encouraging. I trust a real stark change is going on among these people.

I am sorry to say however that we are likely to be invaded by Romish priests who I hear are coming in next year by the mouth of the river & intend to establish a

a Mission School at St Michael

I wish a protestant one could get
ahead of them. I find I must draw
to a close suddenly

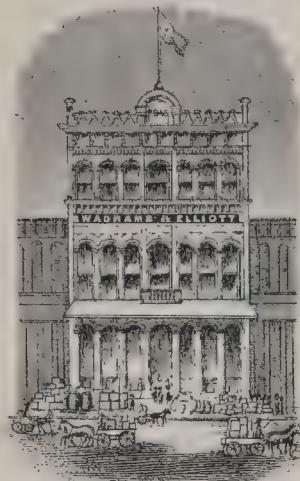
Trusting that your work may be
richly blessed.

I remain Dear Sir

Yours Most Sincerely
Vincent L. Simes

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Portland Oregon Aug 29, 1884. 1884

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Aug. 11th duly to hand, asking for lumber, shingles and tarred paper. Without doubt you will be greatly disappointed that not a stick of lumber goes by this steamer. Capt Carroll regrets exceedingly that his ship is not big enough to carry the freight offering. He says he had a talk with you about the lumber and fully expected then to take it. But on arriving in S.F. he found the Idaho partly loaded with 300 tons of a quartz mill going to Juneau, and that, coupled with the fact that no goods were sent on the last steamer, thus giving two months requisitions on the merchants here makes it a difficult matter for him to take even the general merchandise, without taking a foot of lumber. He has telegraphed to San Francisco to have the Ancon ready for the October trip, and will on that trip without any fail take your lumber. I have also received a telegram this morning ordering a medium size lumber wagon sent you; this cannot go this steamer for lack of freight room. We had a considerable part of your lumber and shingles on the wharfs waiting for the steamer to come in, knowing there would be a rush of freight. And hoping, by being first on hand, to be first served. But we cannot help ourselves.

Yours Resp.

Wm. Wadhams

Feb. 1884

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Rev. S. Jackson:

Dear Bro: I have been for sometime a good deal interested in Alaska, and the mission work being done there & want the women of our churches, and the brethren, too, to become better acquainted with this portion of our territory as a nation. It has come into my mind to ask you for a communication for the Missionary Helper, but I do not see how you can find the time to so favor our readers. Though you may be able to see how

I have been very grateful for
the exchange with Pres. Penn.
Mission. It is an able and
excellent publication and has
helped me much.

I send you my cordial sympa-
thy in your present work,
and pray that God will abundantly
bless you, in your future
trial, and in every application
Sincerely yours,

M. M. Brewster.

M. M. Brewster

of "Carl" Waverly, ^{Maryland} Sep 3. 84.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you
in the early summer to ask
if you could give me the
name of an Indian boy in
the Sitka School with whom
one of the boys of the museum
had connected with the
Boundary Ave. Presby. school
of Baltimore might correspond,
and you then told me to
write to you at Alaska in
about a month.

I lent your letter to the

teacher at whose request
I wrote, thinking that he might
attend to it, but in case he
has not, I now write to
ask, if not too late, if you
will kindly let us hear
With kind regards, and
sympathy in your great
work. Very truly -

Alexina Crawford.

Waverly.
Baltimore Co.
Md.

Robt's Chanc Sept 1st 1884
Mr Sheldon Jackson

Dear

Your favor of Aug 21st
with Bill of Lumber enclosed was received
yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

A full cargo for the expected Schooner
is laying ready on the Wharf, so that
we will be able to begin sawing out your
order, which amounts to about 125000 feet,
on the 5th, and promise to do it with
all dispatch, and although the Mill
is at present doing well, we may meet
with accidents which may cause a short
delay, but hope to have your order ready
when the Schooner arrives from Sitka; but
probably it would be safer to notify you
when we are certain of having your
order finished, in order to avoid a long
stay of the Schooner here. The price of
the lumber on the Wharf is \$12^a per Mill.

If you should wish any tongue & groove
or rustic please send your order and it
will promptly be attended to

Mr Gould had left our place several days ago, but will send the letter to Mrs McFarland by the first opportunity to Wrasel.

In conclusion I beg to thank you for your kind compliment to Mrs Sprague, and embrace this opportunity to express ^{to} our mutual wishes for success in the cause you are laboring and remain respectfully yours.

A B Sprague & Franklin

San Juan Island W.T.

8th Sep 1884.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Sir

The above cheering item,

(speaking volumes for your great energy, and Christian enthusiasm) induces me to write you a few lines to say, that I am reminded of your kind assurance, four yrs since, to exert an endeavor to secure a bell for my needy mission. * For our mission ch. on San Ju, we have a bell, but will need one shortly for a mission building, upon Lopez, an adjacent island where, we propose to commence the work of construction, in the coming spring. A little ch. is so much needed there, as the people in order to accomodate the congregations, have frequently to remove the furniture from the room, and even take down their bedsteads. If we don't build there shortly the Methodists will take advantage, and occupy the field.

The people of this island (simply newly arrived emigrants) are very poor, but will aid in the construction, to the best of their ability. The Bd. of Ch. erection, will appropriate a small sum, we have need of at least \$500 extra. Can you possibly raise a little for us dear Bro? I trust you will be able to. * The needed bell, we hope for, from you. God bless you, and yours in your labor of love - Very Truly Yrs. T. J. Weeks.

Des Moines Iowa. Sep. 9, '84

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I have often thought of
that Sunday morning in Aug. when we of the
"Ancm." clanging along your daughters' sawells,
I on the dock watching the dear girls tick their toes,
while the stalwart Dr. was nowhere to be seen.

I have often thought of you two since that
day and wished the best things for your
enterprise.

I encountered, at Portland,
one representative of the new Territorial
government - the U.S. Dist. Attorney. Mr.
Haskett, an Iowa man. I was sorry
that he had so little appearance of
being a man fitted for the discharge of
such trust as will be laid upon him
by the large and sometimes delicate
interests of Alaska. He seemed to me
a small man - crude, & unfurnished -
not to a post which a strong and
discriminating man should fill. It
was evident that the moral tone of
Sitka would not be greatly elevated

by his becoming a resident there.
It is a pity I am sorry for you
because whatever help such a man
may give you will be mere official
& prudential. He will not help
you with his heart.

I suppose you are driving on
with your building operations. I
hope your First Grove Carpenter is
proving competent. I should like to
know whether such is the case or not.

The Union tied up at the
Port Townsend dock at 10. o'clock
Sunday morning, Aug. 17. - in
time for us to get ashore and
go to church which we did. The
Presb. Ch. was closed, unfortunately,
the pastor having gone to Victoria, not
knowing that an angel's visit was im-
minent. So we went, mostly to the

M. E. Ch. The pastor said he was not well, and if any of the visiting brethren would come forward and preach he would be very glad of it. I tried to stir up Phrasner to go, but he wouldn't and the poor Bro. had to go on. He did very well tho.

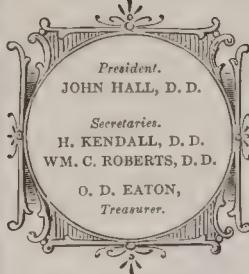
The next day I went back to Victoria - (the alarm did not stop there) and bought some curios. Three silver plates among the rest - are for Lynn - one for Blackwell & one for myself. They were nice, but not cheap.

Most of the party scattered over from Portland, direct. I remained over the Sabbath a preacher for the First Presb. Ch. as a supply. The next day started for home & after a prosperous journey was permitted to take dinner with my family on the 30th of Aug., - off after a trip that will live in memory as a perpetual joy.

I am very glad to have had a chance
to know you a little. Mr. Coghill had
heard of you as a desperately active
Presbyterian organizer in Colorado &
beyond and I was not sure but the
flame of denominational zeal might
scorch you I did not feel it and
the company was very pleasant.

As to the industrial school
question - If our people take hold
of this beyond you, as you advise &
desire - (so I understand you) it seems
to me great wisdom needs to be shown
in the choice of industries the taught
pursued. We could send a shoemaker -
but what if the shoe they make already
is better than any that a mechanic from
the states could make! What represents what
I mean. We must learn to adopt indus-
tries already there - to cultivate them - to intro-
duce ones such as are needed & can be
made made profitable.

Kid agrees to Mrs J.lein Dauphin & the
rest of the workers there. Fraternally etc. F. F. F.



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New York, Sept 12th 1884.

My dear Dr Jackson,

I have to day paid a freight bill of \$13 24 which I have charged to your personal account as Mr Still seemed to think it was a personal matter. If it is not right you know how to adjust the matter.

Our school account is about \$30.000 in debt & I have already borrowed all I am authorized to raise in this way. The School Committee will meet on Monday next & will see what they will let me do.

Finnas have been coming

in very slowly for all accounts.
I shall plead very hard for
the amount you ask.

If possible I will endeavor
to send you \$1,000 on Tuesday.

I have not had any va-
cation and am about sick
to-day. Since December last
5 plans for a little needed
must have been shelved.
I hope to make a break on the
24th for two weeks.

How does my little order for
fair progress?

Please remember me very
kindly to each member of your
family and to all the mission
workers at Sittka.

With many wishes ^{and} prayers
for your success ^{and} happiness
always. Very truly yours,

O. D. Baker

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 13rd
The Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
1884.

Dear Brother:-

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mr. A. Hartman and myself, who were sent by the I. P. U. of the Moravian Church to explore the Bristol Bay Division of Alaska, have returned thence on our homeward way, after a very pleasant and satisfactory ~~journey as far as Golovakovsky~~ on the Kuskokim river. Want of time prevents me from giving you a complete account of our investigations, but I hope to do so at some future time.

I regretted very much that we could not return to San Francisco

by way of Sitka, for I was
anxious to see with my own eyes
the good work which you are
doing. It is a noble work, Brother,
a noble work, and one on which
God's blessing is sure to rest.
I had the pleasure of listening to
your lecture at Bethlehem, and know
that you meet with many difficulties
in your contest against sin, so
deeply rooted in the nature of the
Indian. But let me bid you
have courage, have courage. God's
kingdom will be established!
Please excuse my short letter. We
leave tomorrow for home. I hope
that this may be only the beginning
of a brotherly correspondence between
us.

Most sincerely yours,

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September 20

Meadville, Pa., 9/20, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Sir! Last June I made arrangements with you for a series of articles on the territories. I have heard nothing from you in reference to them since. I am very anxious to secure a series of popular papers on this subject and should be much gratified to have you write them. May I rely upon you? If you can do the work when send & expect the copy, would be glad to have the first articles at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,
T. L. Flood.

T. L. Flood

Haines, Alaska. Sept 24. 1884.

Dear Friends:

The Rose came in a short time ago - all safe & sound as it found us. Mr. Willard is very busy with his freight & I take a moment to write to him to say that he sends in Mr. Garrison all the curios that he can gather up. The pictures will require a little boxing & as the hash is great & the hands few we will have it ready for the mail steamer & send with Miss Rankin. It would be both unnecessary & useless for me to try to tell you my anxiety & the other relief I have experienced. The stones have been so frightened few - with a severe shock of earthquake on the 9th of Sept. The work has gone as well as I could make it. We have cleared the ground of all building rubbish - logs piled - chips stored for winter kindlings - The ground is naked clean - laid part of the flooring for kitchen & stor room - gathered about 20 bags of feather moss & chinked most of the

building, gathered grass for beds - made some
new bedsteads & chairs - taken in two more
boys. Had services twice on Sabbath - twice
read the Adaline from the books, twice
read the Scott. Doctored almost every dis-
ease the Indian flesh is here to - calmed
turmoil, assisted mines - made out
mail reports & carrying & dispatching the same,
filled up the correspondence. Trained babies -
trained Indians. Kept house & during the last
ten days a boarder. Entertained much of the
time the tumble visitor revalga.

Many thanks for all kindnesses. very much
love to all - & to all we say come & see
us when you can -

In haste & affectionately,

Sam'l M. Willard.

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Salem, Oregon. Sept 29th 1884

Dear Dr. Jackson -

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